

Area Board 3 announces the availability of Program Development Fund Dollars under Cycle 35

Overview: The State Council on Developmental Disabilities has allocated a total of \$20,000.00 to each local Area Board to award Program Development Fund grants during Cycle 35.

As defined in the *Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act*, the Area Board shall protect and advocate the rights of all persons in the area with developmental disabilities and shall conduct capacity building activities and provide advocacy for systemic change. Therefore the Area Board has identified the following **Area of Focus** in addressing the mandates of the Lanterman Act and the needs of the Catchment Area.

Area of Focus: Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families become aware of their rights and receive the supports and services they are entitled to by law across the lifespan, including **early intervention, transition into school, education, transition to adult life, adult services and supports, and senior services and supports.**

Area Board 3 has chosen to focus the grants for 2012-13 on **two projects** that will address the identified **Area of Focus** by developing training modules that will be taught in a Peer to Peer manner by parents and individuals with developmental disabilities. **The curriculum to be developed will include the following modules:**

- ✓ An understanding of Early Intervention Services
- ✓ The transition from Early Intervention to School based services
- ✓ Advocating for a child in a school based environment
- ✓ The transition from an educational setting to Adult life
- ✓ What are Adult Services and Supports and how to receive them
- ✓ What are Senior Services and Supports and how to receive them
- ✓ A pictorial representation of a lifespan defined by the modules

Additional Information: The Area board seeks **two projects**, however will consider **one project** addressing the unique needs of **rural** and **urban communities** of the Catchment Area. Further, the Area Board would welcome and encourage collaborative projects in which two agencies working together will identify similarities and differences in developing curriculum which may be unique in our diverse rural and urban Catchment Area.

The intent of Cycle 35 is the development of a curriculum which will be taught by Parents and Individuals with developmental disabilities in a peer to peer model. Additionally, the training modules must be accompanied by materials that can be made available electronically and in hard copy and which can be updated as applicable laws and or policies change.

The funding for Cycle 35 is being provided through the SCDD's Community Program Development Grant program for Federal Fiscal Year 2012-13. Projects funded by Cycle 35 must be completed by September 30, 2013

Future Planning: Pending the availability of a future PDF cycle, the Area Board **may** seek to have grant recipients' provide guidance and consultation in the execution of the training modules.